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SUMMARY: ON JULY 7, 1978, CODEL DANIEL HELD USEFUL
TALKS IN NATO HEADQUARTERS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS
WITH US AND INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS. IN ADDITION TO
STANDARDIZATION, INTEROPERABILITY AND READINESS ISSUES,
THE CODEL SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN NATO'S
CHEMICAL WARFARE CAPABILITY AND ASKED SEVERAL
QUESTIONS ON THE ENHANCED RADIATION WARHEAD. THE
PRESS OF TIME DID NOT ALLOW US TO RESPOND FULLY TO
SEVERAL S/I QUESTIONS; WE WILL EXPAND FOR THE
RECORD UPON REQUEST OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

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1. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 7, 1978 CODEL
DANIEL VISITED NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH US AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF OFFICERS. ON THE
US SIDE, THE CODEL MET (1) WITH A ROUNDTABLE OF
US MISSION/USDELMC OFFICERS, WHICH WAS HEADED-UP
BY AMBASSADOR BENNETT, DEFAD LEGERE AND DEPUTY
USMILREP RADM JOSEPHSON; AND (2) SEPARATELY WITH

GEN HAIG WHO FIELDDED BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND US ORIENTED QUESTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, ON THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE, THE CODEL MET (1) WITH GEN ZEINER GUNDERSEN, NORWEGIAN ARMY, CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND MAJ GEN CAVENDISH, UK ARMY, CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION; AND (2) WITH VADM JUNGUS, UK NAVY, SAC LANTREPEUR.

2. THE CODEL QUESTIONED THE US ROUNDTABLE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- (A) MAJOR SHORTCOMINGS OF THE ALLIANCE (WHITE).
- (B) SUCCESSES IN THE AREA OF SHORT TERM MEASURES (CARR).
- (C) SALT AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CRUISE MISSILE TO ONGOING DISCUSSIONS (DANIEL).
- (D) THE APPARENT SHIFT IN EMPHASIS FROM STANDARDIZATION TOWARD INTEROPERABILITY AND FROM COPRODUCTION AND LICENSING TOWARD THE FAMILY OF WEAPONS CONCEPT. THE WORK OF AC/94 (HAHN-STAFF).

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- (E) ARMAMENTS PLANNING (HAHN-STAFF).
- (F) CHEMICAL WARFARE CAPABILITIES OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE WARSAW PACT. POSSIBLE COUNTERS TO SOVIET CW THREAT SUCH AS A US BINARY CW CAPABILITY. TRADEOFFS BETWEEN BINARY CW AND WEAPONS SUCH AS THE ENHANCED RADIATION WARHEAD. ALLIED THOUGHTS ON ERW (WHITEHURST AND WHITE).
- (G) MILITARY COMMITTEE ROLE (WHITE-STAFF).

COMMENT: DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, CHAIRMAN DANIEL ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE FOR THE RECORD EXPANDED ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEALING WITH ARAMAMENTS PLANNING. STAFF MEMBERS INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD SEND A TRANSCRIPT OF THE DISCUSSION TOGETHER WITH A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. END COMMENT.

3. GEN HAIG FIELDDED QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- (A) THE RELATIONSHIP OF FRANCE TO NATO.
FRENCH MILITARY MODERNIZATION. FRENCH CONCERN
THAT SALT WILL CUTBACK ON THE US NUCLEAR
UMBRELLA (DANIEL).

- (B) GERMAN DESIRE TO SEE MORE AMMUNITION
STORAGE SITES IN THE BENELUX (DANIEL).

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- (C) CONSULATATIONS ON SALT WITH NATO ALLIES
(CARR).

- (D) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND ITS RELATIONSHIP
TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS (WHITE).

- (E) CHEMICAL WARFARE CAPABILITY OF NATO
(WHITE).

- (F) SOVIET WEAKNESSES (WHITE).

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- (G) BINARY CHEMICAL MUNITIONS VERSUS ENHANCED
RADIATION WARHEADS AS DETERRENT WEAPONS (WHITEHURST).

- (H) STATUS OF THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOG
(HAHN-STAFF).

4. THE CODEL QUERIED GEN ZEINER GUNDERSEN AND
MAJ GEN CAVENDISH ON THESE SUBJECTS:
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- (A) NORWEGIAN APPROACH TO MAJOR ARMS
PROCUREMENT (WHITEHURST).
- (B) RELATIONSHIP OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
TO THE CNAD AND THE IEPG. MC COORDINATION WITH
THE CNAD (CARR).
- (C) FOLLOW UP ON THE LONG TERM DEFENSE
PROGRAM. THE AWACS "CONTROVERSY". CHEMICAL
WARFARE CAPABILITY. MILITARY VIEW OF THE ERW
(WHITE).
- (D) NATO'S SHORT TERM CONVENTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
THE NEED FOR 30 DAYS OF STOCKS (BRECKINRIDGE).

COMMENT: IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, THE CODEL DID
NOT RECORD THE DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL
OFFICERS (ZEINER GUNDERSEN, CAVENDISH AND JUNGUS).
END COMMENT.

5. ADM JUNGUS ANSWERED QUESTIONS DEALING PRIMARILY
WITH THE GREENLAND/ICELAND/UK GAP INCLUDING:

- (A) THE GREATEST SHORTCOMING OF NATO'S NAVAL
FORCES (DANIEL).
- (B) UTILITY OF MINES IN THE GAP (WHITEHURST).
- (C) THE STATUS OF INTEROPERABILITY OF NAVAL
FORCES (CARR).
- (D) THE ADVANTAGE PROVIDED BY NUCLEAR
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POWERED SHIPS (WHITE).

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- (E) STATUS OF NATO'S NAVAL FORCES IN THE BALTIC
(WHITEHURST).
- (F) UTILITY OF LONG RANGE AVIATION IN NAVAL
WARFARE (HAHN-STAFF).

- (G) MEANS OF MEETING THE BACKFIRE THREAT
(DANIEL).

6. WE BELIEVE CODEL DANIEL SPENT A USEFUL TIME
IN NATO HEADQUARTERS. IN ADDITION TO THE TALKS
WITH GEN HAIG AND OTHER US PERSONNEL, THE MEETINGS
WITH GEN ZEINER GUNDERSEN AND VADM JUNGUS WERE
PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL BOTH IN PRESENTING THE
MILITARY POINT OF VIEW AND THE SMALL NATION
PERSPECTIVE. IF THE CODEL HAD HAD MORE TIME
HERE, DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT STANDARDIZATION AND
INTEROPERABILITY INITIATIVES MIGHT HAVE BEEN
EXPANDED USEFULLY.
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